

COUNCILMEN TOUR NEW URBANNA ROAD

Inspect Richmond and Rappahannock, Now Graded to Pamunkey.

WANT ONE YEAR EXTENSION

Company to Apply for Short Relief as Regards Crossing of River.

At the invitation of officers of the Richmond and Rappahannock River Railway Company, a delegation of Councilmen and Aldermen accompanied operating officials yesterday upon an inspection tour of eighteen and one-half miles of road that the company has graded in preparation for the construction of the new railroad from Richmond to Urbanna.

The party left Richmond at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in motor cars and spent the day in going over the route. The return to the city was made late in the afternoon.

The immediate object of the inspection tour was to acquaint the City Council with the actual progress of the work in order that it may act advantageously upon an ordinance which will be introduced at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to-morrow night extending by one year the time limit within which the company, under its franchise agreement with the city of Richmond, is required to complete the construction of the railroad over the Pamunkey River.

Provisions of Ordinance.
The city ordinance, passed on February 17, 1912, permitting the Virginia Railway and Power Company to sell its seven miles line to the Richmond, Urbanna and Pamunkey Railway Company, stipulated that the purchasing company, or its successor, shall build a railroad to and across the Pamunkey River in two years, and to Urbanna in five years. The amended ordinance, which will be introduced to-morrow night, extends from February 17, 1913, to February 17, 1915, the time limit for the completion of the road across the Pamunkey River.

Councilmen who made the trip yesterday expressed themselves as highly pleased with the progress of the work, and without committing themselves to support the ordinance, indicated their opinion that the extension asked for, in view of the difficulties which the company has encountered, is entirely reasonable.

Other Provisions Fulfilled.
A petition prepared by Vice-President Charles L. Ruffin, of the Richmond and Rappahannock River Railway Company, to accompany the ordinance, sets forth that the company has completed fully with all the provisions laid down in the ordinance of 1912, under which the construction of the road was being pursued. The ordinance required that it begin work within ninety days, and that it complete the work within the time limits named.

The provisions as to the bond and the beginning of work, the petition declares, have been fulfilled, but delays over which the company had no control will make it impossible to comply with the requirement that the Pamunkey be crossed by February 17, 1914. The company prays for an extension of the year, as regards this provision alone, to protect it against the possible forfeiture of the \$50,000 bond, because of its inability to do what is practically impossible.

For Little Co-operation.
The fact that the railway company was under a \$50,000 bond to build a line within two years, the petition explains, "was generally advertised, and instead of the railroad being reared with a spirit of co-operation by those through whose lands it desired to pass, it has, with very few exceptions, not only had to purchase its right of way from Richmond to the Pamunkey River, but also pay an excessive rate."

People, who for years had clamored for a railroad to be built through Hanover County, named exorbitant figures when the railroad asked to cross their lands. In order to as far as possible overcome this opposition the railroad surveyed two lines, but finally selected the route which goes by Cold Harbor and Old Church, and which crosses the Pamunkey River at New Castle Ferry.

"As soon as the route was selected, legal proceedings for the acquisition of the right of way were commenced, but certain parties, who had contracted to convey for agreed figures, refused to convey when the time came, and suits for specific performance had to be instituted, others, whose lands were sought to be condemned, asked for and were granted frequent delays, and at this time there are pending two suits for specific performance to compel landowners to convey property which they contracted to convey, and two cases arising out of condemnation proceedings have been appealed to the Supreme Court of Appeals."

Graded to Pamunkey.
In spite of these and other obstacles, it is stated, the company has, with the exception of a 500-foot strip, graded its right of way from Richmond to within a mile of the Pamunkey River.

"All of the bridge material for the bridges to and across the Pamunkey River has been paid for and delivered, but, owing to the fact that the Pamunkey River is a navigable stream, consent for the construction of a railroad bridge across it had to be secured from the War Department of the United States, and although papers requesting permission to construct a railroad bridge at New Castle Ferry were filed early in the summer, this consent was not granted until September 12, 1913."

In consideration of the difficulties encountered, as recited in the petition, the Council will be asked to extend one year the time limit for the crossing of the Pamunkey River. The company will ask also to be relieved from the obligation of building a bridge across the Pamunkey within the time stated.

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"All of the rails have been contracted for, and one-half of them have been delivered; and all of the ties have been contracted for, and one-third of them delivered, but the delivery of the ties has been so slow, that the company has been unable to lay them, even if the railroad had secured its right of way in time, it could not have complied with its contract to complete the road by February 17, 1914."

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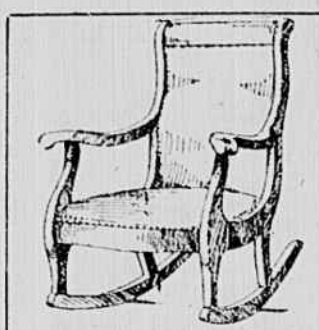
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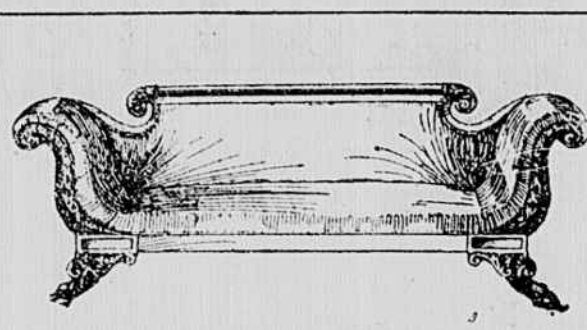
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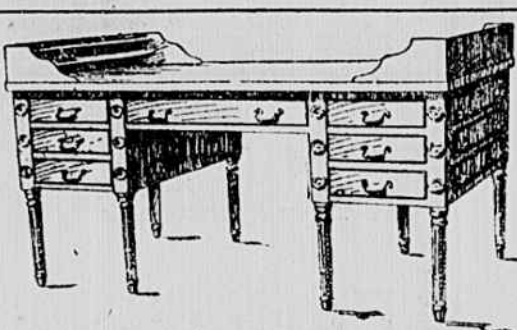
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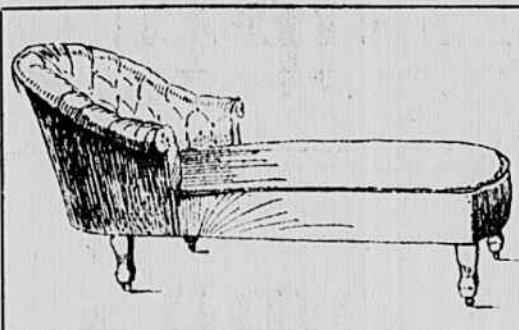
Rocking Chairs, \$5.00 to \$25.00.



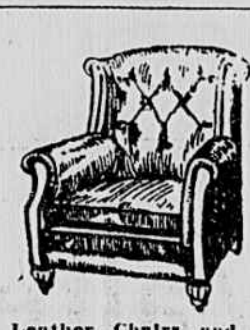
Handsome Parlor Pieces, \$50.00 to \$150.00.



Solid Mahogany Desks, \$45.00 to \$145.00.



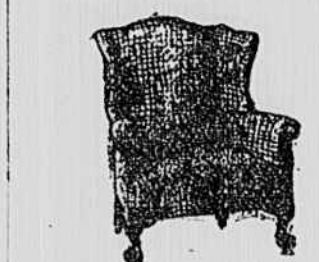
Reading Chair Couch; price, \$55.00.



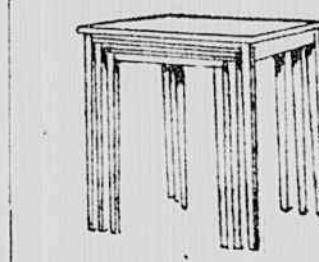
Leather Chairs and Rockers, \$20.00 to \$75.00.



Small Tables, \$5.00 to \$15.00.



Windsor Wing Chairs, \$27.50 to \$45.00.



Nest of Tables, Oak and Mahogany, \$19.00 to \$35.00.



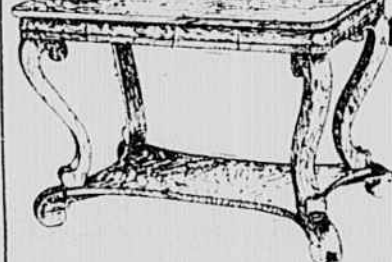
Wardrobes, \$10.00 to \$150.



Swing Top Tables, folding leaf, \$22.00 to \$50.00.



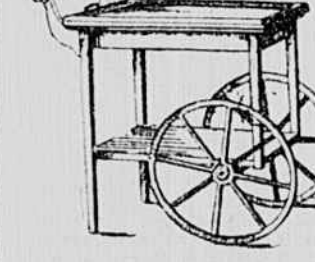
Ladies' Desks, \$10.00 to \$40.00.



Handsome Library Tables, \$25.00 to \$90.00.



Handsome Desks, \$50.00 to \$150.00.



English Tea Carts, with glass tray, \$19.50 to \$25.00.

SYDNOR & HUNDLEY'S Great Exhibit of Christmas Gift Furniture

Modern Christmas giving has assumed a much advanced standard over the past. The accepted ideal gift is that which possesses beauty, usefulness and permanency. Furniture, especially the many novel and practical pieces brought out to-day, conforms strictly to this new standard of gift-giving. We have gathered from the best factories in America an assemblage of the most beautiful pieces we have ever shown. Our big first floor is a veritable art exhibit.

We are using this space to tell you, but really a ten-minute visit and talk with us will help you more. We like the personal contact—in fact, use the printed column to induce you to visit the store more frequently. Every day now the assortment of desirable items is diminished, and it's too late to order duplicates. Come and make your selection. We'll deliver when you say. Remember, the goods here are a high standard of quality, but not high priced. If desired, we can arrange terms to suit you.

The Heart of the City and the Store of Christmas Gifts

Children's and Doll Furniture

Our efforts to provide a line of substantial and moderate price Children's and Dolls' pieces is appreciated by the public, and this department is becoming a Mecca for Santa Claus.

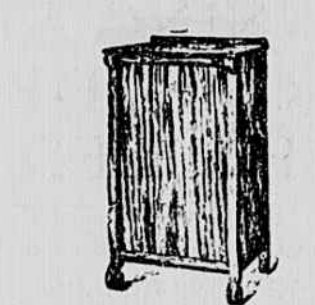
White Enamel Dolls' Beds at \$15.50 to \$25.25.
Mahogany Dolls' Beds, at \$3.75 to \$10.00.
Brass Dolls' Beds, at \$12.00.
Swing Cribs, with stand for dolls, in pink, blue, brass, \$7.75 to \$14.00.
Dolls' Reed Carriages, at \$6.00 to \$10.00.
Children's Reed Chairs, at \$2.50 to \$3.75.
Children's Bentwood Chairs and Rockers, \$2.00 to \$5.00.

Children's Oak Tables, \$2.00 up.
Children's Oak Chairs, \$1.20 up.
Children's Mahogany Chairs and Tables.
Children's White Enamel Dressers, Chiffoniers, Desks.
Children's Mission Oak Desks, Chairs, Rockers, Settees, Tables, High Chairs.
Children's Playhouses, Grocery Stores, etc.
Children's Bentwood High Chairs, Oak and Mahogany.

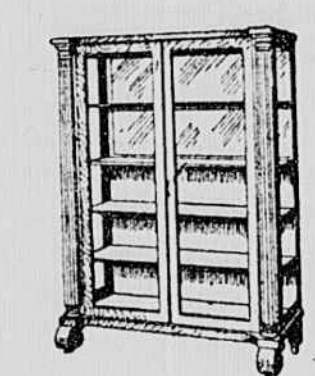
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Foot Rests.
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Hall Clocks.
Hall Mirrors.
Hall Tables.
Hall Settees.
Humidors.
Library Tables.

Ladies' Desks.
Leather Pillows.
Leather Hides for Table Throws.
Magazine Stands.
Mahogany Chairs and Rockers, with leather or upholstered seat.
Morris Chair Cushions.
Mantel Clocks.
Nests of Tables.

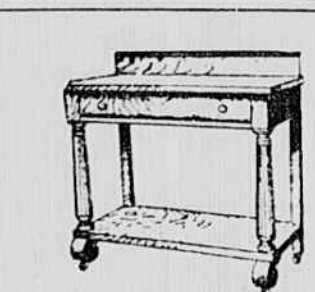
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Rugs.
Revolving Top Game Tables.
Screens.
Sewing Rockers.
Sewing Tables.
Smokers' Stands.
Sectional Bookcases.
Serving Tables.
Storage Chiffoniers.
Serving Trays.
Tabourettes.
Turkish Chairs and Rockers of leather.
Tea Wagons.
Tea Tables.
Tilting Top Card Cables.
Telephone Stands and Stools.
Umbrella Stands.
Vanity Toilets.
Work Tables.
Wheel Chairs for invalids.
Writing Tables.
Writing Desks.
Waste Baskets.
Youths' Chairs—and hundreds of other articles.



Music Cabinets, \$5.00 to \$50.00.



Handsome China Cabinets, \$25.00 to \$150.00.



Serving Tables, \$15.00 to \$50.00.

SHACK SET AFIRE WITH MAN INSIDE

Tired Tramp, Asleep in Bunkhouse, Nearly Burned Alive. Negro Suspected.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)

Lynchburg, Va., December 13.—Floyd Reed, a middle aged tramp, who says his home is at Belle Centre, Ohio, is at the Lynchburg Hospital horribly burned, as the result of what appears to have been a fiendish scheme to burn him alive late last night in a shack at the furnace of the Oriskany Iron and Ore Corporation, which is located at Reusens, three miles west of the city. The man is seriously burned about his face, arms, legs and body, and he will be at the hospital at least a month.

The disappearance about the time of the fire of a negro named Bynan Street, who hails from Goschen, Va., has placed him under suspicion of having fired the shack, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest. The furnace corporation has offered a reward of \$500 for his arrest and conviction.

The manner in which the shack was burned, in addition to the smell of oil at the fire, gives rise to the belief that the shack and the intended victim were soaked with coal oil, and the fire started from a lantern. After the fire had been discovered by furnace employees, the cries of the man inside were heard, and with difficulty, Street was gotten out only a moment before the flames had consumed him. Street, a stout man, he walked eighteen miles yesterday and was very tired when he reached the furnace, and he turned in at one of the bunks in the shack, which were used by negroes between blasts at the furnace. It is believed his presence was resented by the negroes, and that he was soaked with oil and the building fired.

NO EPIDEMIC AT BLACKSBURG.

Surgeon Says There Have Been Only Three Cases of Smallpox.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)

Blacksburg, Va., December 13.—With reference to the case of smallpox at Blacksburg, Dr. W. F. Henderson, surgeon for the V. P. I. and a physician for the community, makes the following official statement: "During over a period of eight weeks there have been thirteen cases of smallpox in and around Blacksburg. These were of the very mild type, and have not been a malignant case, and not a patient has been confined to his bed. All of these cases are now out of quarantine, except three small children in one family, and these are under the very strict quarantine. Every one connected with the college was vaccinated a month ago, and when this did not take the vaccination was again made. Every precaution was taken by the physicians of the community toward preventing a spread of the disease, and all children of the public schools were vaccinated as soon as the first case, that of an adult who had been away from town, developed."

MEN CRUSHED IN TUNNEL.

Foreman and Laborer Killed and Another Man Injured When Mountain Collapsed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)

Spencer, N. C., December 12.—Sheridan Miller, thirty-five years old, foreman for Bernhard & Dennis, contractors, and a colored laborer were killed shortly before

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Rub Soreness from joints and muscles with a small trial bottle of old St. Jacobs Oil.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)

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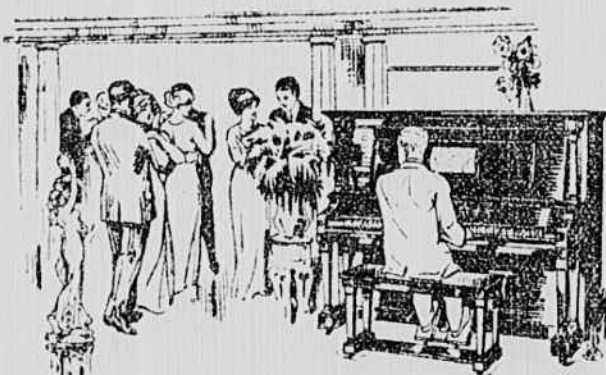
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MURDERS TWO, THEN KILLS SELF

Shoots Couple Who Had Befriended His Divorced Wife. Also Attacks Latter.

(Chicago, December 12.—Emmanuel Harner, a railway mail clerk, divorced a year ago, to-day shot and killed a husband and wife who had befriended Harner's former wife, attempted to kill the latter, and then committed suicide.

The dead are:

Louis F. Nieman, Mrs. Emma Nieman and Harner.

Mrs. Harner was seriously wounded. Her life was saved by a steel corset

which she was wearing.

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(Cincinnati, O., December 14, 1913.—

By a new method of concentration an expert distiller of this city has produced a concentrated extract with which any one can easily and quickly make in their own home any liquor, Whiskey or Cordial at a saving of over 50 per cent of the liquor dealers' prices.

A few minutes does the work requiring apparatus, no boiling, no experience whatsoever. While the liquor making at home idea is new and startling in its possibilities, its legality has been carefully investigated by the highest authorities, and his method has been found to conform with the laws in every respect. This new method will be welcomed by thousands of people living in districts where it is now even impossible to obtain whiskey for medicinal purposes. Any one can now save the heavy expenses, high licenses and enormous profits of the saloonkeeper and liquor dealers, and can have in his home at any time a pure, nourishing liquor at a very low cost.

It is, indeed, a remarkable discovery, and he has already received thousands of letters of praise. Any one who tries a full quart of his favorite liquor free by writing to M. W. Prickett, 8213 Universal Building, Cincinnati, O., and ask for his booklet, "Secrets of Making Liquors at Home," sent to any one new, without their name and address. (Advertisement.)

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